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Examiner:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The items listed on the Substitute PTO-1449 form may be considered relevant to the above captioned application.

CERTIFICATE OF MAIL UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

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I hereby certify that this paper, along with any document or paper referred to as being attached, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail with sufficient postage under 37 CFR 1.8 in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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Reference No. BB, German Publication No. DE 1002730, was published on February 21, 1957 in the name of K.H. Benatzky and is believed to disclose, a container holding single sheets stored on a rack that are dispersed using a push pole in the direction of the container opening. The push pole, stored in the lid, is engaged whenever a sheet must be dispersed.

Reference BC, German Publication No. 4205805, was published September 2, 1993 in the name of Sanner Friedr GmbH Co KG, and is believed to disclose, according to the European Patent Office, an internally sized housing which matches a stack of strips. Support is mounted at a parallel distance from one narrow side and is formed by two strip-like projections which each protrude from one of the opposite side walls to form an elongated slit in between.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider the items listed on the attached PTO-1449 and to make them of record in the instant application.

It should also be noted that, according to 37 CFR 1.97(h), that the filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be considered to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be due in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 501561. Moreover, although this application is currently held in abandonment, a Petition and Request to Rescind Abandonment is being filed concurrently herewith showing the proper and timely filing of an RCE with accompanying Preliminary Amendment on January 20, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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